



“Brain Death”

A Medicolegal Construct: Scientific & Philosophical Evidence

20th - 21st MAY 2019

HOTEL MASSIMO D'AZEGLIO | ROME



JOHN PAUL II
ACADEMY
FOR HUMAN LIFE
AND THE FAMILY

DAY 1

Opening Prayer *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

9:05

Welcome

9:10

“Brain Death” is not Death

Philosophical and Scientific Evidence in Brief
Josef Seifert, *DDr. Phil. Habil.*

9:40

The “Birth” of “Brain Death”

Thomas Zabiega, *M.D.*

10:30

“Brain Death” is not Death: Clinical Experience

Paul Byrne, *M.D.*

11:00

Coffee Break

12:00

**Apnea Test Procedure versus Aggressive Therapy for Alleged
“Brain Dead” Patients**

Cicero Coimbra, *M.D., Ph.D.*

13:00

Lunch Break

14:30

**“Non-Heart-Beating” Donors, an Alternative to “Brain-Dead”
Donors?**

Doyen Nguyen, *OP, Dr. Med. Hematol., Dr. Moral Theol.*

15:30

Consent Policy and “Brain Death”

Paul Byrne, *M.D.*

16:30

Coffee Break

17:00

General Discussion

18:00

End of Day 1. Dinner to Follow (TBA)

Closing Prayer *Salve Regina*

DAY 2

Opening Prayer *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

9:05

Substance and Organism as a Whole

Sed Contra to Moschella’s pro-“Brain Death” Rationale
Doyen Nguyen, *OP, Dr. Med. Hematol., Dr. Moral Theol.*

10:30

**Critique of the “Brain Death” Concept in the Writings of
Robert Spaemann and Wolfgang Waldstein**

Fr. Edmund Waldstein, *O.Cist., Mag. Theol.*

11:30

Coffee Break

12:00

**Fundamental Philosophical Errors and Unthomistic
Character of Lee and Grisez’s pro-“Brain Death” Rationale**

Josef Seifert, *DDr. Phil. Habil.*

13:00

Lunch Break

14:30

Insights into Integration: What Makes an Organism a Whole?

D. Alan Shewmon, *M.D.* (Live Video Presentation)

15:30

Did John Paul II Approve “Brain Death”?

Doyen Nguyen, *OP, Dr. Med. Hematol., Dr. Moral Theol.*

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Coffee Break

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General Discussion

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Truth, the Foundation of a Culture of Life

Bishop Athanasius Schneider (Live Video Presentation)

18:30

Concluding Remarks

Announcing the Theme of JAHLF 2020 Conference

Josef Seifert, *DDr. Phil. Habil.*

18:45

End of Day 2. Banquet to Follow (TBA)

Closing Prayer *Salve Regina*



HOW TO REACH US

From **Termini train station** (also reachable by Metro A and B) 1 minute walk.



PARTICIPATION FEES

- **Registration FEES:** € 60 - **With Lunch** (both days): € 120
- **Students' registration FEES:** € 30
With Lunch (both days): € 90



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